

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nelson Scarborough, et al. Art Unit : 3767
Serial No. : 10/782,900 Examiner : Andrew M. Gilbert
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Mail Stop Amendment

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

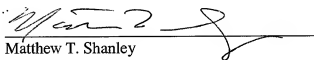
Responsive to the action mailed April 28, 2006, applicant elects the invention of group II, claims 8-18 without traverse.

With respect to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects species II (FIGs. 11-12, claims 8-18) with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that the alleged species I and species II are each related by FIG. 11. Species I and species II are not directed to an unreasonable number of species and/or would not present a serious burden on the Examiner to examine both species. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine species I and II on the merits.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone if there are any questions or concerns. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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